

Windham Museum Trustees
Historic District Commission/Heritage Commission
Windham Historical Society
Meeting Monday March 7th, 2016
Museum 7:00 PM

Present: Jean Manthorne, Kim Monterio, Carol Pynn, Wendy Williams, Derek Saffie, Dennis Root, Frank and Dianne Farmer, Joan Normington, Joanne Dickie

Excused: Eileen Mashimo

Guests: Paul Lindemann (Nutfield and Derry Historian), Mike Mazalewski

Meeting opened: 7:07 pm

Carol motion to approve January minutes, second Derek, all in favor

1. Update on building maintenance issues:

- The Selectmen approved \$1,800 for a humidifier AND
- \$1,500 for a mason to inspect the Armstrong building basement to see if the leak can be repaired. A drain has been installed. Work complete until able to determine if issue is fixed during next heavy rain.
- Next to be addresses: repair of the front door. Frank said door costs between \$300-500 to fix the dry rot and he is getting an estimate.

2. Cleaning issues:

- The Armstrong Building is currently only cleaned on request. Dave Poulson has asked that the Trustees devise a cleaning plan. Wendy has drafted a plan for review, including requested cleaning materials to be provided by the town.
- Ask to have the floors cleaned once a month

3. Request from Bob Durkin for Cub Scout Pack 266, about 6-8 den mates, to visit the Museum on a Saturday in April

4. Consideration of the donation of a poster commemorating the 100th anniversary of the NH Primary. Paul Lindemann suggested the Historic Society in Concord may be interested and to suggest person offering.

5. Update on website: Derek.

- Holding off until we better know what we want to do related to the website for the town as it is desired that all be accessed through the same portal for the town. Jean suggested a workshop just on the website in future.

7. Update on storage issues:

- Space is limited. Basement could potentially be used if the moisture and water leakage problem is adequately addressed.

Windham 275th celebration:

- Paul suggested one-day event, like a Heritage Day
- Joan suggested before a kid related drawings/book
- Focus on Town Center/Common
- Maybe do something with the church since Steeple repair
- Reach out to politicians
- Jean said BBC radio show/TV show is interested in the activities here
- Europeans install Blue plaques for significant areas
- Reaching out takes a while so start now
- Get ideas then staff out committees

Nutfield 300th Celebration in 2019: Paul Lindemann

- Want to have 300th coincide with the Londonderry Old Home days
- Coordinate each town's events so there are no conflicts with the other town's events
- Kick off with MacGregor; First senator day at 1st parish in Derry
- Wants to have an open community meeting to brainstorm ideas in March

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- Have flier and get sponsors for it now
- Have one person be the point of contact or liaison for Windham; Wendy Williams and Frank Farmer for now
- People interested in working on the 275th will likely be the same people interested in working on 300th.
- Fundraising ideas:
 - Highland games
 - Antiques Roadshow
 - Plant sale, etc.
 - May be televised.

Next meeting is March 21st in Londonderry

Mike Mazalewski:

- Several items for potential donation
- Mike to make a list of the items
- Museum could hold a special “playhouse” exhibit of Mike’s collection
- Mike shared several photos of historic buildings, files saved to Museum computer
- Property on Cobbett’s Pond was one of the first camps and there may be some items of historic interest there

Unaddressed at this meeting:

- Events at the museum/open houses
- National Register of Historic Places
- Museum software. Here is a link to Past Perfect: <http://www.museumsoftware.com/pp5.html>. Discuss software acquisition and plan for cataloging.

Motion to close, Wendy; Second, Derek; all in favor, meeting closed 8:53pm

Minutes recorded by Wendy M. Williams